

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	SBE-01
COMMITTEE:	State Board
DATE:	June 14, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

South Carolina Youth Education and Skills (*SCYES*) Grant

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

The purpose of the presentation is to update the State Board of Education (SBE) on the new grant.

CRITICAL FACTS

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) was awarded the *SCYES* grant sponsored by JP Morgan through the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). The SCDE has identified the need for a comprehensive diagnostic assessment of South Carolina's youth career preparation system in Phase 1. Through this needs assessment, the SCDE is collecting and analyzing data on current students, their access to career pathways, completion of those pathways, and their opportunities for earning meaningful post-secondary credentials. Development of a three-year career readiness action plan that addresses the six key objectives of the grant initiative will also take place during this initial phase. This work will be aligned to and informed by the statewide workforce plans and the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA).

Phase 2 will include the implementation of a three-year strategic career readiness action plan. This action plan consists of the following six key objectives:

1. Demand-driven and employer-led processes,
2. Rigor and quality in career pathways for all students,
3. Career-focused accountability systems,
4. Scaled pathways that culminate in credentials,
5. Aligned state and federal funding streams, and
6. Cross-institutional alignment from secondary to post-secondary.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

The grant has two phases and the SCDE has been awarded Phase 1, which ends late fall 2016.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST: At this time, the funds awarded with the grant cover all costs.
FUND/SOURCE: Grant

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: ☐ yes ☒ no
(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)

Name of Attachments:

RECOMMENDATION

This presentation is presented as information.

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL: ☐

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: ☒